

Classroom Makeover

Rhode Island invests in 21st Century learning environments

To prepare our students for lifelong success, Rhode Island is acting across the board to put students first, promote excellence in learning and build equity into all we do. We call it ***Destination Excellence*** – and the 21st Century Technology and Furniture Fund is one part of this effort.

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

21st Century learning depends on flexible, safe spaces where students can focus and create. Just as the modern workplace has transformed, the modern classroom must transform to prepare learners for an ever-changing future.

- The new 21st Century Technology and Furniture Fund will provide innovative furniture and equipment that support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) project-based learning and career technical education (CTE).
- The program will infuse \$15 million in state dollars directly into classrooms to support teaching and learning!



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES & SERVING STUDENTS

- Every district and charter will be eligible for funding on a per student basis, with a minimum award of \$25,000.
- The fund will support transition from traditional desk-in-row classrooms to flexible learning spaces to better serve learners of all abilities, backgrounds and learning styles.
- To remove all barriers and meet the needs of all learners, the *Equity Boost* and *CTE Boost* will offset costs for all districts.

